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THE BATTLE FOR VERDUN

Doubtless you have heard something about the famous battle of Verdun that have been fought and are still being carried on intermittently for the possession of Verdun, the great French stronghold. You surely read about it in the papers when the Germans began their mighty smash that was supposed, if successful, to carry them far on their way to the gates of "Paris." You read about forts being taken and the French falling back and then it seemed that there was a lull in the whole thing. The war action was over and normal relations between the rival trenches were resumed.

But even if you read all that the newspapers printed about the fighting around Verdun, and read no more than that, you can have little idea of the significance of the gigantic combat. The correspondents who send daily dispatches over the wires can lead only with the outward aspects of events, giving us the official reports and such scraps of information as they can get relative to the progress of operations. The complete history of the weeks of fighting for Verdun would make several volumes. That history remains to be written but special writers who have been giving their attention to it have already had considerable light upon this phase of the war. One of those writers is Frank H. Simonds, who visited the battlefield in April, obtaining first-hand information from the best sources, and in the Review of Reviews for May he describes "The Battle for Verdun as France Saw It."

Mr. Simonds tells us that the Germans in launching their Verdun offensive had in mind a sweeping success that would shatter the French spirit, following which France would be willing to accept any terms of peace. At the same time, such a victory would have a tremendous effect upon German popular emotion, arousing the highest degree of enthusiasm in the Fatherland. In popular estimation Germany, as among us, Verdun was reckoned as the strongest fortified place in Europe and the effect of its capture would be momentous.

Early in his narrative, however, Mr. Simonds takes occasion to disabuse our minds of the importance which the French attached to Verdun as a fortified place. The early days of the war when Antwerp, Maubeuge and other places of the kind successively collapsed under the fire of German guns, demonstrated the futility of forts. After the battle of the Marne the French abandoned the forts of Verdun as defensive positions, removing the guns from them to command positions, and hence Verdun became nothing but a point in a system of trenches, defended by machine guns. The capture of the town of Verdun could, therefore, mean nothing more than a slight change in the French lines. This was the view of the French military authorities.

Mr. H. Mr. Simonds says, and he further states that Gen. Joffre, when the German attack was fully developed, proposed abandonment of Verdun because it was of no military value and the surrender of it would give the French a line which would be easily defended. But the French command took a different view of it, appreciating the political importance attached to the point and realizing the encouraging effect which its surren-

der would have upon the minds of the French people, and the civilian government, therefore ordered that Verdun be held.

Coming to the actual operations, Mr. Simonds gives us a general idea of the course of an offensive in modern trench fighting. The piercing of the first line, the requisite concentration of men and guns being given, he tells us, is not difficult and second line defenses may be penetrated, but when the third line is approached the assailant is beyond the effective aid of his artillery while the enemy is able to pour in a deadly fire with both heavy and light artillery. At the same time, the first fury of the attack is ended, the assailant is weakened by losses and the enemy has brought his reserve into action. This was exactly what happened at Verdun. The Germans were successful at the start, even taking the most distant fort from Verdun, which they found uncaptured, according to reports, but within ten days their chance for a sweeping victory was gone. Mr. Simonds gives the French estimate of German losses as 250,000, though he thinks this figure exaggerated and the French loss is placed at 100,000.

The moral effect on the French people of the failure of the German offensive, Mr. Simonds declares, "will be almost beyond exaggeration." France had withstood the strongest assault which the enemy were capable of making and from the struggle emerged with a spirit of confidence that is "almost indescribable."

France had lost about three miles of territory along a six-mile front but had demonstrated her ability to hold back the enemy, and had inflicted frightful losses and was in a stronger position than ever to check further assaults on the same front. This, in brief, is the battle for Verdun as the French see it and as Mr. Simonds tells the story.

TWO WILSONS?

Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde—whichever he was—didn't have anything on Woodrow Wilson in the line of dual personality, if the various classes of critics paint the correct pictures of the president.

By Colonel Roosevelt and his kind, Wilson is portrayed as a peace-at-any-price kind of fellow, willing for his country to suffer any sort of injustice and dishonor rather than to draw the sword.

By professional pacifists we are warned that Wilson would have no scruples about plunging the nation headlong into the bloody maelstrom of war and a vociferous demand is voiced that all of us get up and howl for peace to prevent such a catastrophe.

Having a lively sense of humor, the president must be amused when he gazes on these two pictures of himself. Also, the productions of these master artists must appeal to the sense of the ludicrous in the citizen of average intelligence, who cannot fail to recognize both of them as caricatures.

EXPRESS PACKETTES.

The final act in drawing nigh. And seniors are stepping high. Of learning they have lapped the text. The hanging issue now: "What next?"

Pimples and Skin Eruptions
Danger Signs of Bad Blood

It May Mean Eczema, Scrofula—The First Sign of Inherited Blood Disease

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The pessimist is always positive that the worst will happen.

Hurry up about sweating those hard-earned dollars before they eat up your time.

No, the golf fellows who lost at El Reno didn't forget to bring their clubs back with them.

Good humor is the oil that makes the machinery of every day's toil move smoothly.

Slugg says he always notices that there are more kids on the streets when school is out.

As a matter of fact, nearly all of the scandal that stirs up trouble is told in the strictest confidence.

Billy Hopkins, proprietor of the swimmin' hole, is probably praying as fervently as Bingham, the ice man, for hot weather.

While we have reached no definite conclusion as to why a woman wears a veil, we are fully convinced that it wouldn't hurt some men to follow suit.

A. L. Hollingsworth is unkind enough to insinuate that the reason why the mayor didn't make his speech to the Odd Fellows was that he got cold feet.

Probably several thousand soldiers are killed every day in Europe but the thing has gone on so long that the correspondents don't think it worth while to mention such small matters.

J. D. Carmichael passed the Pack-sacker looking pretty swell but we were unable to decide whether he was wearing a new suit or his Sunday one that had been pressed into everyday service.

 A STOLEN SMILE 'ER TWO.

Had a "Bargain Mother."
 The arrival of twins to her mother was told to Ethel, the 16-year-old daughter.
 "Oh, dear," said the little girl, "mamma has been getting 'bargains' again."—Ex.

Modern Housekeeping.
 She fills her fireless cooker With seven kinds of grub. Turns on the auto and puts her duds into the scrubbish tub. She starts the dustless sweeper On gear keyed down to low; Powders her nose and gaily goes To see a picture show.—Ex.

THINGS THAT COUNT.

Not what we have, but what we use, Not what we see, but what we choose: These are the things that mar or bless The sum of human happiness.

The things near by, not things afar, Not what we seem, but what we are— These are the things that make or break That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true, Not what we dream, but the good we do— These are the things that shine like gems, Like stars in fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give, Not as we pray, but as we live— These are the things that make for peace, Both now and after time shall cease. —The Outlook.

STAGE "JULIUS CAESAR" IN THE CALIFORNIA HILLS

By United Press.
 Los Angeles, Cal., May 19.—A huge throng of Southern Californians assembled today to pay tribute to the memory of William Shakespeare by observing the centenary of the bard's birthday with an open air production after dark in the hills back of Hollywood, of the tragedy of "Julius Caesar."

The sun today went down upon the white, majestic walls of Rome—just north of Hollywood. The setting of the ancient capitol of the world as Shakespeare wrote it has been put into being on seven knolls in the hills where the pageant will be staged.

Tyrone Power, one of the best known of American actors, will play the leading part.

Several thousand persons will participate in the play. Battles will be fought by torchlight on the hillside, and one of the final spectacles of the evening will be the huge funeral pyre of dead Roman heroes.

Between forty and sixty thousand persons will witness the pageant, it is estimated.

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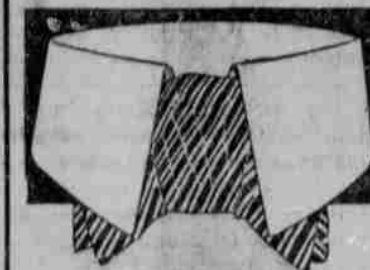
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"COUNTRY CLUB" The New Tie

Fads and Fancies in Realm of Fashion

(By Margaret Mason, written for the United Press.)

Now York May 19.—A lady enveloped in an emerald hued motor coat of duvetyne with an emerald satin jockey's cap and a floating length or two of emerald chiffon veil isn't as green as she looks. She is decidedly smart according to the latest thing in motor modes.

The coats for motor wear are legion this season and the time is, fortunately, long since past when the lovely motor maid had to disguise herself like a gargoyle in order to dress the part.

The duvetyne coats are of course the richest and it takes the richest to buy 'em. They come in wonderfully brilliant shades of rose, raspberry, emerald, ochre and sapphire blue.

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Men's Tennis Shoes, white or black, \$1.00

Men's Linen Crash Pants, \$1.50

Men's white Rubber Sole Oxfords, \$2.00

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PALM BEACH PANTS \$2.50 and \$3.50 Light and dark colors.

The New Soft Collar



coats adorned solely with self-toned buttons are lined with exotic crepe and silks of ultra futuristic designs as are most of the other tans and fawns.

Buttons galore you find on all of them and a Jenny model that is shown in serge, shepherd plaid wool, or natural pongee is buttoned straight down the front from the top of the choker to the bottom of the hem and shows further button symptoms on the deep cuffs, big slash hip pockets and the belt which only confines the front, the back being left loose and flaring.

The buttons on the serge models, which come in black, wine and navy are white bone disks. Those on the shepherd plaid are black bone and the pongee has bullet buttons of the pongee tone.

Besides her emerald coat Blanche Marie, just from Paris, brought over a chic loose coat of beige Jersey cloth with a deep band of navy taffeta around its flaring hem, deep navy cuffs and roll collar and a deep rippling cape collar of the Jersey lined taffeta hanging down behind.

For wear with this she has an ideal motor hat made of two inch beige

grossgrain ribbon sewed together in four rows from the little round center of the crown. The tiny roll brim is the ribbon doubled and a smart pleated cockade of the ribbon adorns one side.

Not only for motoring is this little crush hat charming as well as practical, but for all forms of travel, as it can be rolled up in a wad with the utmost abandon and tucked in the odd-of-odd corners when not desirable and tucked on the head at the oddest of odd angles.

All shades of green and yellow and crosses of the two like ginger character and citron are chosen colors of the racy racing motor mads this year and many a speedster is all the mustard in a piquant automobile coat of the same seasoning and seasonable shade.

Fortunately for the speedometer these are all fast colors.

Optimistic Thought. Men were at first upright; then came an era of insincerity.

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